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THE MEMBERS OF ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL and Literary Society intend holding a Concert and Dramatic Entertainment at Philharmonic Hall, Fort street, on Friday evening, February 15th.
Admission, 50c. Children, half price. f9td

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ALL RESIDENTS IN THE CITY who have CELLARS beneath their houses are hereby respectfully requested to send a return to the City Surveyor, Mr. P. J. Leach, stating the POSITION and DEPTH thereof, at their earliest convenience to assist in determining the drainage depth that will be necessary in each case.
By order
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C.
City Hall, February 9th 1889. fe11

F. C. B.

Far West Lodge No. 1,
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS,
WILL HOLD THEIR
ANNUAL GRAND BALL
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ASSEMBLY ROOMS, FORT ST.,
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TICKETS, ADMITTING GENTLEMAN AND LADY, $3.00.

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LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Proceedings in the House Yesterday and Day Election Regulation Bill.

The Legal Professions Bill—Questions and Notices of Motion—Petitions.

Mr. Ladner spoke in favor of the bill and hoped to see it pass with a good strong majority. He had one slight objection to it, but that was overweighted by the benefits it would confer. He referred to occasions in which he had seen the ballot box exposed.

Hon. Mr. Beaven had never changed his opinion on this subject. The ballots should be counted where they are cast and then sent to the returning officer, some provision being made for a recount if it is desired. The clause permitting a man to vote in any division in the district should come out in committee. In a country of such great distances as this there was great danger in carrying round ballot boxes on horseback, in canoes and all sorts of conveyances; there was danger of a whole polling division being disenfranchised. He believed the passage of this bill would receive the same public approval as the Dominion act received. The bill, however, did not go far enough. It should have provided for eliminating the numbers from ballot papers, which tended to create a suspicion that in some way or other the vote might be known.

Hon. John Robson and Mr. Anderson spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Semlin, who had always opposed the bill, had found no reason for changing his opinion. The secrecy of the ballot would be destroyed by the passage of the bill.

Mr. Fry said if the number of ballots was so small as some members suggested it, would it not be very hard to spot those who had voted for or against you.

Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir would like to see the country return to the good old days of open voting when men could go up and show their independence.

Mr. Grant said it was all very well to talk of open voting, but it had been found that it was sometimes very difficult for a man to cast an independent vote and that was why the spirit of the age demanded the ballot. Votes should be counted where they were cast and forwarded to the returning officer where they could be recounted if necessary.

On division the second reading passed by a vote of 15 to 6. Those voting against it being: A E B Davie, Allen, T Davie, Martin, Croft, Semlin.

House went into committee with Mr. Croft in the chair. After clause three had been considered for some time the committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL.

Mr. Higgins moved the second reading of the Legal Professions' Bill the object of which was to remove the restrictions which prevented barristers from coming into this province. He did not know what there was about the legal profession that they should be given monopolistic privileges. Free trade in law was not asked for. Certificates of qualification and character were required, but after that they were invited to go into the field and work up. There was plenty of room at the top. The first lawyers of the Dominion, even the Hon. Edward Blake, who visited the province some weeks ago, would have to undergo the dignity of standing an examination and residing for one year in the province before being allowed to practice. The medical gentlemen of the province have obtained legislation but they have asked no such privileges as these.

Mr. Bole who had listened with great interest to the remarks of the honorable member for Esquimalt, thought the House was getting an evening edition of the *Colonist*. The morning paper had a very interesting article on the subject and this evening it had it over again. Proceeding, the member for New Westminster claimed that free trade had been a failure everywhere and would prove so in regard to lawyers.

Mr. Duck thought the last speaker had let the cat out of the bag in speaking of free trade. Protection as applied to the members of the legal profession was more acceptable than free trade.

Hon. Mr. Beaven pointed out that a bill introduced by the Hon. Mr. Walkem had been very much in the interests of the legal profession and he did not know why it was repealed. The only fault with this bill was that it did not go far enough. And while it was proposed that barristers of English and Irish courts should be allowed to practice in the Province, there was nothing said about the Scotch lawyers. Perhaps the President of the Council could explain this. Scotchmen made the very best of colonists, and he therefore could see no reason why we should not have some Scotch lawyers.

A vote being taken on the motion for a six months hoist, it resulted in a tie.

Mr. Speaker said he had very strong views on this subject and if he followed his inclinations would vote against the bill, but it was unusual for a Speaker to stop the course of a bill when there was so close a vote, and he would accordingly vote that it be read now.

VANCOUVER STREET RAILWAY.

Hon. Mr. Robson presented a petition from the Vancouver Street Railway.

House adjourned till 2 p. m. Thursday.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2 p.m. Prayers by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge.

PETITIONS.

The petition of James Fields and others, for mail service to Vancouver, was received.

The petition of R. G. Tatlow, Henry Hoy, Thomas Dunn and others, asking for the incorporation of a railway to connect Fraser river with Vancouver, and to be known as the Vancouver and Fraser River Short Line Railway, was received.

The petition of the Coquitlam Waterworks Company for a private bill (amending of Act of Incorporation) received.

The petition of Richard Plunkett Cooke and others for a private bill (Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company Incorporation) was received.

The petition of the Vancouver Street Railway Company was received.

READ FIRST TIME.

Mr. Beaven introduced a bill entitled "An Act to repeal sections 10 and 11 of the 'Magistrates Act,'" 51 Vic., chap 78, (volume 1, Consolidated Acts, 1888.)

BUSH FIRES.

Mr. Bole moved the second reading of Bush Fire bill. He explained that great loss had been sustained from bush fires on the mainland and the object of the bill was to prevent carelessness by ensuring punishment therefor.

Bill passed through committee and was reported complete with amendment.

PRIVILEGE.

The Attorney-General corrected a report of his remarks in the *Colonist* which had made him speak coarsely and disrespectfully of deputy returning officers.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Election regulation bill was considered in committee. Committee finally reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The Legal Professions Bill was considered by a committee of the whole. After considerable discussion a motion was made that the committee rise, which was carried by a vote of 13 to 8. The following vote for killing the bill was taken: A E B Davie, Allen, T Davie, Fry, Tolmie, Dunsmuir, Martin, Croft, Mason, Nason, Bole, Cowen, Baker.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Attorney General introduced a bill respecting the registration of voters.

The chairman of the Standing Orders Committee reported the New Westminster & Southern Railway bill.

House then adjourned till Monday.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. T. Davie—To introduce an Act entitled "An Act respecting Pharmacy."

Mr. Mason—To move the following resolution: "That whereas it is in the highest degree desirable to promote in every legitimate way the development of our quartz mines, and whereas the class of machinery required for working such quartz mines is not at present manufactured within the Dominion of Canada, therefore be it resolved that it is the opinion of this House, it is desirable that representation should be made to the Federal Government requesting them to exempt from taxation all such machinery which cannot be made in Canada that may be imported into this Province for quartz mining purposes."

QUESTIONS.

Mr. Bole—To ask the hon. leader of the government: "Have any steps been taken towards giving effect to the resolution of this House passed last session with respect to the desirability of establishing quarantine stations at Westminster, Vancouver and Nanaimo."

Mr. Bole—To ask the hon. leader of the government: "In view of the present overcrowded state of the asylum for the insane, is it the intention of the government to place a sum on the estimates to make the necessary addition to the existing buildings? If so, what sum?"

Mr. Ladner—To ask the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works: "Have the government made any proposition to the C. P. R. Co. to have the proposed bridge across the Fraser, near St. Mary's Mission, built to serve the purpose of a traffic bridge, according to the resolution passed at the public meeting held at Matsqui, St. Mary's Mission, and Mount Lehman, in January last? If not, why not?"

WANT INCORPORATION.

Meeting of Residents of Victoria West Last Night.

About fifty residents of Victoria West met in the school house last evening to consider the advisability of constituting a municipality. Mr. T. Nicholson was voted to the chair, and Mr. F. G. Walker was appointed secretary. The proposed boundaries were explained, several suggested that Esquimalt should be included, which was objected to on the ground that if Esquimalt were added the new municipality would have to pay the expenses of the magistrate, police, harbor master, etc. A proposal to join Victoria was also objected to on the ground of taxation for electric lighting, water works and sewerage without deriving any direct benefit therefrom. If Victoria West was incorporated as a municipality, the revenue derived therefrom could be judiciously expended on the roads, streets and sidewalks throughout the district, many of which were almost in an impassable condition.

Mr. Lowe was in favor of having the boundary extended so as to take in the admiralty road along the shore of Esquimalt harbor to the Four-Mile House. This would give the new municipality considerable of a water frontage, and would be a decided advantage as, he understood that during the coming summer a $200,000 saw-mill was to be erected on the water front, near the Four-Mile House, and if this mill was within the municipality limits the benefits therefrom would be obvious. This suggestion was agreed to by the meeting and on motion adopted.

Mr. Bishop moved, seconded by Mr. Watson, that a committee of six be formed to interview all the residents of the district, and obtain their signatures to a petition asking for the incorporation of Victoria West into a municipality. The motion was carried, and the following committee formed: Messrs. Oldershaw, Bishop, Watson, Nicholson, McKenzie and Farrell.

All present having attached their signatures to the petition, the meeting adjourned, to meet again at the call of the chairman.

SPORTING NEWS.

Wrestling Match Between Cameron and Michaud.

Articles were signed last night for a wrestling match, Greco-Roman style, best two in three falls, to take place on Saturday evening, February 23rd, in this city for $150 aside.

The following articles were signed last night by the contestants: "Articles of agreement entered into this 13th day of February, 1889, between S. Huff, of Victoria on behalf of D. Michaud, of C. Battery, Victoria, and D. H. Cameron, of Vancouver, for a Greco-Roman wrestling match between said Michaud and Cameron for a purse of $300 ($150 aside and entire gate receipts).

A forfeit of $50 aside is hereby placed in the hands of W. G. Stevenson, Pritchard House, he to be final stake holder.

The balance of the money, $100 aside, to be deposited in his hands on day of match.

Match to be Greco-Roman, French rules, no locks barred, best two out of three falls, to a finish, to take place in the city of Victoria, B. C., on Saturday evening, February 23rd, 1889, between the hours of 8 and 12 o'clock.

Referee to be agreed upon on night of match and his decision to be final.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Annexation of Sapperton—Resolution Passed—Funeral.

Special to THE TIMES.]

New Westminster, Feb. 14—A public meeting took place at Sapperton last night to discuss the annexation of that suburb to the corporation of the city of Westminster. The city was represented by acting Mayor Curtis and the aldermen. A lively discussion took place lasting about two hours, after which the following resolution was passed: "We, the property holders of Sapperton, desire to be annexed to the corporation of Westminster on condition that the city guarantees the erection of the Southern Railway workshops at Sapperton."

The remains of the late Thomas Cook were interred this afternoon in the cemetery at Sapperton. The funeral was under the auspices of the Odd Fellows.

—Lavishness is not generosity.

—Much compliance, much craft.

—Repent of good action if you can.

—An evil deed has a witness in the bosom.

—The longest life is but a parcel of moments.

—No circumstances can repair a defect of character.

—Forgive freely; hatred is a troublesome companion.

—The greatest of contentment conquers everything.

TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES.

The French Ministry Resign after an Adverse Vote—Severe Earthquake.

A Cock and Bull Story from Ottawa—Crucial Test in the Parnell Case.

Panama, Feb. 13—On the night of December 29th, a loss of over $2,000,000 to property was done by a violent shock of earthquake, which extended through San Jose, Heredia, Baba, Santa Barbara, San Rafael, Distenda, Greca and Santa Domingo. In San Jose, in Costa Rica, not a single house escaped injury; many are not safe to live in, while a number are completely wrecked. At La Laguna, a most extraordinary phenomenon took place, and the earth has assumed the appearance of a rough sea. The father of a family and four of his children were buried together, while the mother and her young child were thrown by the motion of the earth a distance of 1,000 metres, although she says she believes the earth swallowed her and then ejected her where she was found. Here the hills have changed their positions, and the ground is full of cracks.

REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Paris, Feb. 14—The debate to day in the Chamber of Deputies on a revision of the constitution is regarded as the most momentous for the Republic which has taken place since its establishment. The press this morning is generally of the opinion that the Chamber will declare for revision, but the main question will be whether a revision will be made.

PANAMA CANAL.

M. DeLesseps has addressed a circular to the stockholders of the Panama Canal Company informing them that the new securities will be issued to obtain capital to continue the work on the canal. Stockholders who hold these shares will have the right to call for one bond of a nominal value of 500 francs, being at 3 per cent. The price of the bond will be 410 francs. Subscriptions open March 1st and close March 9th.

LABOR TROUBLES.

A strike has begun in the north of France and is assuming large proportions. The principal industrial centers in the northern departments are affected. Socialists are at the bottom of the movement and are very active among the working classes, stirring up and spreading the agitation.

CRIME IN SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, Feb. 14—John O'Connor and Jeremiah Reen, wood choppers, were shot by Joseph Hawkins, a cripple and bad character, in a saloon brawl early this morning. Reen is believed to be fatally wounded. Hawkins was arrested.

There were two suicides early this morning. The first was Patrick O'Leary, teamster, 30 years of age, who has had considerable trouble with his wife, and who, while intoxicated, terminated his career with a dose of rat poison. The second was Konrad Peters, tailor, fifty years of age, who drowned himself. Cause unknown.

AMERICAN NEWS FROM OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Feb. 14—Sir John Macdonald is credited with the statement that the present session of Parliament will witness the most decisive act of his life. This is understood to refer to the *coup d'etat* destined to strangle the annexation sentiment. The proposal is to submit to Parliament a series of resolutions creating an independent kingdom of the Dominion under British protection with one of the Royal family as reigning head.

NO DIVIDEND.

Boston, Feb. 14—President Adams, of the Union Pacific Railway Company, says there is no foundation for the report that a dividend will be declared.

SIXTEEN YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

Auburn, Cal., Feb. 14—A. C. Bassett, a one armed young man who attempted to shoot a woman a short time ago, has been sentenced to sixteen years in the State prison.

THE SITUATION IN FRANCE.

Paris, Feb 14—Boulanger says he will not demand the dissolution of parliament. Premier Floquet will submit proposals to the Chamber of Deputies today, and will avoid specifying the scheme for the revision of the constitution by simply declaring that a revision is advisable.

CUNARD STEAMER DISABLED.

Queenstown, Feb. 14—The Cunard line steamship, Samaria, which sailed from Liverpool to Boston on February 7th, arrived here to-day in tow of the steamer Albert. The Samaria broke her shaft on the 10th inst. when three hundred miles out.

RECONCILED IN DEATH.

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 14—The death is announced of Rev. M. P. Stack, at Lackawana hospital. He will be remembered as the clergyman whose difficulties while pastor at Williamsport, in this State, culminated in the celebrated Stack O'Hara case, an action at law which was well known on both continents, especially in Roman Catholic circles in this country, and which was decided in favor of Bishop O'Hara, who was sustained by Pope Leo XIII., although Father Stack made two visits to Rome in his own behalf. He and the Bishop afterwards became reconciled, but the latter would not re-instate the priest in a parish in his diocese. The Bishop directed two priests from the cathedral to visit Father Stack daily, and when all hope of his recovery had fled the last rites of the church were administered. The funeral will take place to-day, Bishop O'Hara, whom he so long and so persistently defied, officiating.

FRENCH MINISTRY RESIGNS.

Paris, Feb. 14—The French Ministry has resigned. Premier Floquet brought up the question of revising the Constitution to-day in the Chamber of Deputies. The Chamber voted to adjourn the debate upon it despite the opposition of the Ministry. The Ministry thereupon resigned. The vote against the Government stood 307 to 218.

THE GERMAN MISSIONARIES.

Zanzibar, Feb. 14—The German missionaries have not been given up by the Arabs, a hitch having occurred in the negotiations for their ransom.

THE GERMAN EMPRESS.

Rome, Feb. 14—When Empress Frederick returns to Berlin she will withdraw to Friedrichdorf. There she will live part of the time and spend the rest of the year abroad.

NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION.

New York, Feb. 14—The American Newspaper Publishers Association to-day elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Jas W Scott, of the Chicago *Herald*; Vice-President, Col. Chas H Taylor, of the Boston *Globe*; Secretary, F B Mish, of the San Francisco *Call*; Treasurer, Wm Laffan, of the New York *Sun*; Executive Committee, S H Kaufmann, of the Washington *Star*, W J Richards, of the Indianapolis *News*, S E Farrell, of the Albany *Press and Knickerbocker*, and F Bryant, of the Brooklyn *Times*.

ARRIVALS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, Feb. 14—Arrived—Str. Oregon from Portland; Sun Mateo from Nanaimo; Santa Maria from Yaquina Bay; ship Yosemite from Tacoma; bark entine Portland from Shoal Water Bay.

WANTS STATEHOOD.

Washington, Feb. 14—Delegate Voorhees presented to the house to day several petitions of citizens of Washington Territory praying for admission into the Union of that Territory as a State under the name of Washington. The petitions were referred to a Commission on Territories.

THE CRUCIAL TEST.

London, Feb. 14—Mr. Soames, the *Times'* solicitor, is before the Parnell commission to day as a witness, giving technical evidence. The public have lost public interest in the proceedings.

Mr. Soames, later in the day, aroused attention by handing in seven of Parnell's letters, which Inglis, the *Times'* expert, believed to be genuine. Word was immediately sent out that the long wished for evidence was coming and the benches began to fill up. With the presentation of these famous letters the crucial point of the trial has come.

The *Times'* solicitor followed the introduction of the alleged Parnell letters by producing genuine letters of Parnell's. Eminent experts are on hand to testify to the genuineness of the latter which will be submitted to the scrutiny of Parnell and experts for the defence. Mr. Soames testified that the Parnell letters were obtained from Piggot.

MIGHT BE POSTPONED.

Baltimore, Feb. 14—The *Sun's* Washington special says it now looks probable that the Samoan conference at Berlin will not occur during the present administration. Count Arco, German minister, called upon Bayard yesterday and informed him that his (Bayard's) answer to Prince Bismarck's proposal for a conference had been sent to Berlin by mail. It will reach Berlin about the 20th inst. The German foreign office will probably take several days to consider Bayard's suggestions and its answer, if not by mail would hardly reach this country before the beginning of the Harrison *regime*. The *Sun's* correspondent hints that the reason that diplomatic correspondence had not been conducted by wire is simply a trick of Bismarck's to gain time in which to punish the Samoans before negotiations at Berlin are begun.

REMOVED TO ANOTHER STATION.

Secretary Whitney to-day issued an order detaching Commodore George Beiknap from his duty as commandant of the Mare Island navy yard, California, and ordering him to-day in command of the Asiatic station to take the place of Rear-Admiral Chandler, who died last Sunday. No person has yet been selected as commandant at Mare Island navy yard.

SHOT HIS WIFE AND HIMSELF.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 14—During a family quarrel this morning Chas. V. Gable shot his wife and then fired two bullets into his own head. Both are still living but the husband's condition is critical. The couple did not live happily.

BIG LABOR MEETING.

Philadelphia, Penn., Feb. 14—There is in session at one of the hotels in this city a number of leaders of prominent labor organizations of the country. The object of the meeting is to encourage harmony and bring about an amicable understanding between national and international organizations now in existence, and from the character and standing of the men in attendance there appears to be no room for doubt as to the success hoped for the results.

A GANG OF BARN BURNERS.

Baltimore, Feb. 14—A gang of barn burners, whose identity has not been discovered, is creating a reign of terror in Frederick and Carrol Counties. Over a dozen barns have been burned, the owners first receiving notice to remove the implements and stock. The incendiaries use a ball of wet phosphorus with gunpowder inside and when the phosphorus dries spontaneous combustion and explosion follows. No possible reason for this devilment is known.

EASTERN DISPATCHES.

Large Fire in Brandon—Mr. Scarth to become a Senator.

Special to THE TIMES.]

Brandon, Feb. 14—Masonic block, mail office, postoffice, Fraser's store and other buildings were burned out at midnight. The whole city narrowly escaped destruction. Loss over $50,000.

Winnipeg, Feb. 14—C. S. Leach, the absconding city treasurer, of Marysville, Conn., is here.

It is said that Mr. Scarth, M. P. for Winnipeg will be appointed to the Dominion Senate.

The Masonic Grand Lodge of Manitoba is in session here.

Montreal, Feb. 13—A violent wind storm struck the city to-day and has the effect of more or less demoralizing the train service.

Ottawa, Feb. 13—Sir John Thompson said this afternoon the government had advised His Excellency not to disallow the Jesuits' bill. Disallowance might take place up till August 8th.

Sir John Thompson, answering Mr. Mara, said the government would appoint three county judges in British Columbia.

Mr. Dennison moved for the appointment of a committee to enquire into the advisability of the purchase of telegraph lines by the government. Sir Hector Langevin said the question was not yet ripe, and the motion was withdrawn.

A division took place on Mr. Mulock's motion in favor of placing artificial fertilizers on the free list. The government's majority was thirty. The division was not expected and many of the ministerial members were absent.

The American department of agriculture is sending circulars to the light-house keepers of Canada, asking them to note the migratory habits of birds.

Hon. Peter Mitchell, referring to the increase in the military appropriation, deplored the existence of a standing army in Canada. He characterized the gradual expansion of the permanent military force as unnecessary, as Canada did not expect to be transformed into an armed camp like Europe.

Mr. Mills objected to the existence of a head land office and a land board at Winnipeg as equally unnecessary.

Hon. Mr. Dewdney in a brief reply, defended the land policy of the government. He pointed out that the people of the Northwest were clamoring out for more homestead inspectors.

Mr. Landry's Bill, prohibiting usury, limits the rate of interest to 8 per cent. and enacts that all contracts whatever, providing that a higher rate shall be charged shall be void.

Collie dogs imported for breeding purposes are to be placed on the free list.

In the House Postmaster-General Haggart announced that the maximum weight of postal matter to be sent with 3 cent stamps would be raised from one-half to one ounce.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington has asked the Dominion Government to forward a list of all light-house keepers in Canada.

THE ODD FELLOWS.

Proceedings in the Grand Lodge Yesterday and this Forenoon.

Report of the Grand Secretary—Election of Grand Officers—Place of Meeting.

The Grand Lodge was in session on Wednesday afternoon and evening and transacted considerable business, principally of interest to the members of the order only.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Grand Secretary Davey's report, presented at the afternoon session on Monday, was an elaborate and carefully prepared statement of the progress of the order during the past year. He complained of the dilatoriness shown by the secretaries of the subordinate lodges in preparing and forwarding the reports, which prevented him from making his report as full as he wished, and suggested that in future the meeting of the Grand Lodge be held at a later date, to insure the receipt of the subordinate reports in time for the reports which the Grand Secretary is required to make.

The Grand Secretary reported 9 subordinate lodges and 1 Rebekah Degree lodge. There are 890 members in good standing, an increase of 68, and during the year 113 were initiated, 22 admitted by card, 1 as an A O and 2 by re-instatement. Eight withdrew, 10 died, 2 were expelled, 1 resigned and 21 ceased membership by N. P. D.

The total revenue of the order was $18,087.16, an increase of $471.10.

During the year 116 brothers were received, 786 weeks' sick benefits were paid. The total amount paid for the relief of brothers was $5,912.75; for widowed families, $160; for burying the dead, $780; for educating the orphan, $95. The assets of the order were estimated at $66,906.19, an average per member of $75.20. The total amount paid in relief since the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1874, $70,244.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At 9 p. m. the following grand officers were elected: Grand Master, J. H. Maldram; Deputy Grand Master, W. Walker; Grand Warden, W. Edmunds; Grand Secretary, Fred. Davey; Grand Treasurer J. E. Phillips.

TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED.

On the invitation of Jones Bros., photographers, the members of the Grand Lodge agreed to be photographed the photos to be afterwards grouped into one picture, for sale to those who feel disposed to purchase them.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Wellington and Vancouver put in their claims for the honor of being chosen as the next place of meeting, and on a ballot being taken it resulted in Vancouver being elected, the vote standing, Vancouver 32, Wellington 18.

Grand Committees presented reports and the session closed at 10:30 p. m.

A SMOOTH FORGER.

He Passes a $40 Check on a Well-Known Book-Keeper.

It leaked out that the rapid young man who swindled Portland merchants by means of forged checks and the "buy-me-quick change racket" early last week, also took in a $40 trick in the city of Seattle on last Monday. Andrew Young, the book keeper for W. P. Boyd & Co., had his head buried deep in his ledger, when suddenly his calculations were rudely disturbed by a medium sized brunette young man with a dark mustache, and aged about 25 years, poked his head through the window of the office. As he did so Mr. Young noticed that his visitor was in his shirt sleeves and was bare headed. The young man said briskly, as he laid down a check for $40 on the counter:

"I'm from the Seattle Hardware Company. A customer is waiting for change, which we are out of. Would you be kind enough to change this $40 check for me?"

"Certainly," said Mr. Young as he glanced at the check to assure himself that it was all right. Then he passed out the $40 in coin to the hatless, coatless young man, who hurriedly thanked him and left the store.

Mr. Young thought nothing more of the matter till Wednesday, when he presented the check to the First National bank; where it was pronounced a forgery. So Mr. Young is out just $40.

The check was drawn on the First National bank of Seattle, and made payable to W. P. Boyd & Co., or bearer, by the Seattle Hardware Co. The number and the stencil of the Seattle Hardware Co. were counterfeited in good shape. The only fault was that the "I" in Seattle was made with a capital "L." Beyond this error it was a perfect duplicate of the stencil used by the company. The trick by which Mr. Young was victimized is an old one, but one by which even the most wary might be deceived.

PIGTAIL DRAMA AND OPERA.

A Peep at Mongolia's Dusky Sons Treading the Boards.

In an alley running off Cormorant street above Government street is located the Chinese theatre, in which young Mongolian swells, for an admission fee of 25 cents, while away their evenings. The building is large and comprises a pit and gallery for seating purposes. The stage is of the regulation Chinese sort—a simple platform without flies or scenery or drop curtain, hung with Chinese decorations. Dimly lighted with gas a fair view of the stage and dusky Thespians is to be had through clouds of cigarette smoke. The orchestra seated on the stage behind the performers, comprises the sam yin, tom tom and the plain, common, benzoyed goog. With these the orchestra is able to delineate in sound anything from a battle royal of Kilkenny cats to a runaway fire engine or boiler explosion. The fiercest criticism is invited from the press by the leader, who is partial to goug music and is said to be an admirer of Wagner. The play at present being produced is something of a comic opera. It deals with the love of a young couple. A matron figures in it; so does another woman's husband. It is of the spicey order and would do credit to Sardou. The leading lady is a Celestial gem, and her feet, the crown of the charm of a Chinese lady, are fit for an infant's shoes. Altogether there are six performers, three of each sex. The heavy villain is also said to be a juggler who can balance a barrel on his nose or make a guinea pig disappear in his hat. Every move of the performers is graceful, and in delicate love scenes the poetry of motion. Each performance is one indivisible chunk devoid of intermission, and if any one in the audience wishes to go out and "see a man" he will have to depend on the good nature of his neighbor to tell him when he gets back what has occurred in the interim. The play ends at midnight, and as there is a large clock over the stage the audience can see that it is not cheated out of a minute. The head of order prevails and the plot of the comedy is talked of in opium dens and hotly discussed over steaming rice and wine of a thousand flowers.

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THE MAYOR SUSTAINED.

At the meeting of the Council last night, a resolution was unanimously adopted requesting Mayor GRANT not to attend the meetings of the Board of Trustees, for reasons well known to our citizens. This action on the part of the Council will be a sufficient answer to the "politicians" on the School Board, who, it would appear, have been given their instructions to support the Government organs in their efforts to deceive the public in regard to the lop-sided school tax. As we explained yesterday Mayor GRANT declines to attend the school board meetings, not because he takes no interest in the cause of education, but for the simple reason that as head of the corporation he has been requested not to assist in any way in enforcing the provisions of a law which the city refuses to obey, and by the provisions of which an unjust tax is imposed upon our citizens. The morning organ had a severe lesson in regard to the effects of misrepresentation only a few weeks ago, and in discussing this question, one would suppose, having learned wisdom by experience, that it would try to adhere as closely as possible to an accurate presentation of all the facts.

THE TREASURER DISMISSED.

It is a great pity that the city treasurer did not follow our advice, given months ago, to resign his seat in the legislature. He has, by stubbornly refusing to accede to the wishes of his constituents, challenged public opinion and brought down upon himself the condemnation of friend and foe alike. He has now been dismissed from the position of treasurer, or, if his friends dislike the word, we will use a more moderate expression and say that his services have been dispensed with. There was no other alternative, and it seems extraordinary that Mr. DUCK, who is not a fool, should have failed to see that this would be the end of the matter if he continued contumacious and refused to vacate the other position. He has invited criticism of his abilities as treasurer, and one alderman has stated that there were doubts if the books of the city were at present in a fit state to be audited. It is true, as Mr. DUCK says, that the resignation of his seat in the house would be of little benefit to the constituency during the present session, as it would be impossible to fill the vacancy before the adjournment. But Mr. DUCK is responsible for that, and when he pleads it as an excuse for holding on to the two positions he simply condemns himself. We are sincerely sorry that our advice was not followed, for it would have saved all concerned a good deal of humiliation. In time Mr. DUCK would have mastered the work and might have discharged the duties of treasurer in an acceptable manner. But he listened to the advice of the government and refused to resign, and having made his bed we suppose he must lie on it. At the next election the electors, and not Mr. DUCK or the government, will decide about his final retirement from public life

THE BALLOT.

The debate on the amendment to the "Election Regulation Act" developed two curious features, the secrecy of the ballot and the confidence in human nature displayed by men who seek to improve the *modus operandi* of elections. In the golden days of the province, when all men wore overalls, when every gulch promised a home stake, and when men were young, independent and strangers to chicanery, open voting might be practiced without incurring dangerous consequences, and it seems a strange and unnatural condition of affairs that under a democratic form of government the practice cannot still be continued. Progress, however, has brought its complexities. The pick and shovel have been abandoned for vocations in which interests clash, and which invest politics with paramount importance. Faction is opposed to faction, not alone in matters appertaining to the common weal, but as relating to private interests. Together with this turmoil another complication arises. Between employer and employes, and between landlord and tenant, it is scarcely likely that there should be concord of opinion, and as necessity knows no law, the political leverage which may be exerted by the former over the latter is obvious. Secret voting is the natural evolution from this condition, and indeed, the principle is so simple that it need not be discussed. And yet, in spite of all this, there were honorable gentlemen in the House, who thought open voting desirable. Our coal baron, a man who has experienced the ups and downs of life, and who of all men in the House should be able to appreciate the boon of political independence to the poor man, expressed himself in favor of a system of voting which would banish secrecy. It is a curious commentary on democracy that secret balloting is an indispensible feature, and it clearly shows, besides, that it is only by practice of virtue that such a government can be made to endure. To recur to the other feature, confidence in human nature, as displayed by the fathers of the amendment, their unsophistication, while it does honor to their hearts, is a reflection on their moral acumen. Of the rectitude of their intentions there cannot be any doubt, but in attempting to give the amendment in question the force of a law, they seem to have based their estimate of human nature on what they would do if they were "Deputy Returning officers." The remark has often been advanced that none but wealthy men should be allowed to legislate. The idea does not seem applicable to this case, for hear we have men who attribute to others the independence and honesty they feel themselves. We may infer, therefore, that while a bank account has a tendency to make men politically independent, it destroys the acumen inseparable to certain kinds of legislation. A large percentage of the legislative mistakes in this province are mere blunders, which had the perpetrators themselves been less independent and less honest could never have happened. It may be assumed as a fundamental principle of legislation, especially as it pertains to the franchise, that all men are rogues. A contract does not hurt an honest man but it binds a rogue. An election which precludes knavery is no reflection on an honest man, and it prevents political rascals from subverting the will of the people. All laws must be formed to guard against cupidity. It can never be taken for granted that the good of the commonwealth in most men is stronger than private interests, and so we would advise the gentlemen who are now doctoring the law to proceed on the assumption that knavery and ignorance are still powerful forces in the Province.

DANGEROUS LEGISLATION.

The latest legislative procedure is the attempted investiture of local "dog berrys" with absolute powers, whereby, like the centurion of old, they may say to a citizen go, and he goeth, come, and he cometh. It is a fact too notorious for comment, that Justices of the Peace, while useful in a degree, generally combine with their petty judicial office an unconscionable amount of stupid respectability, barring always of course the Member for Lillooet. We call to mind several Justices of the Peace, and we say without prejudice, that outside of their hereditary propensity for attending the fashionable church, they are not fit for coroners. If the proper sort of men, men of broad understanding whether educated or otherwise, and not prone to jump at conclusions, and who during the progress of a simple case depended on their mother wit to guide them instead of interested attorneys, could be induced to undertake the Justice of the Peaceship, we might seriously contemplate the extension of their jurisdiction. Such men, however, cannot be induced to accept the billet. To them the arbitration of their neighbors' affairs is an onerous and distasteful duty, and the breeder of hard feelings. The appointing power, therefore, is compelled to fall back on men, who, however harmless in a private capacity, are prone from want of proper mental and judicial balance to exaggerate their own importance, and to imagine themselves when sitting on a case the exemplars of all the jurisprudence in the Province. Considering the judicial character and legal qualifications of Justices of the Peace appointed by the present Government, the scope of their powers should be circumscribed to a radius so narrow as to be easily comprehended by something less than average intelligence. To extend their powers is not only impolitic, but must lead to endless trouble, for there are plenty of men who would decline to heed the mandates of these judicial upstarts. But as is the case in all of the blundering in this Province, it is those who confer the power rather than the recipients of it who are the most to blame. The members of the Government are quite as well acquainted with the general mental status of the average Justice of the Peace as anybody else, and yet, in the face of their knowledge, they would deliberately invest an insignificant minion of the law with power which a learned judge must handle with discretion. We might almost wish that the Justices of the Peace in this province were invested with these powers, and that a situation could be provoked wherein the "Sophist" of the House would have to testify before the member for Lillooet, and that the latter, feeling that his judicial omnipotence had been outraged, should send the former up for a month at breaking stones. It makes considerable difference to the average legislator whose bull is gored, and no doubt, after the example just related, the Government would repeal the law if it had to call an extra session of the legislature. But this is only another case of governmental blundering and inability to estimate the consequences of its own acts. Only for the vigilance of the Opposition the bill would have become a law, nor is it impossible that it may become so yet, the Government supporters failing to appreciate the true inwardness of the thing. The Opposition is entitled to thanks from the Government for pointing out what would have been one of the most palpable blunders conceivable.

The New York Herald says it has the best authority to state that Sir John Macdonald intends to retire after the present session, Sir Charles Tupper assuming the leadership. Sir Charles Tupper says the statement is a pure fabrication and has no foundation whatever so far as he knows.

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LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The wind howled and whistled through the old barn of an assembly building yesterday, causing the members to huddle together around the glowing fire places. The President of the Council, too, lingered beside the cheering fire, evidently relishing the warmth all the more because the coal was paid for at the full rate of $10 per ton.

Mr. Higgins' legal professions bill had a close call for existence. It passed into committee by the casting vote of the Speaker, who, however, took the precaution to explain that the vote was given under protest of his conscience. Personal inclination, born possibly of personal interest, dictated that the measure should then and there be sat upon by him Duty, however, as chairman, pointed to the axiom that where opinions were so evenly balanced, the bill, which was under trial for its life, should be given the benefit of the doubt and have another chance for existence. The dictates of duty, to the credit of Speaker Pooley be it said, prevailed.

The writer has no desire to accuse Mr. Higgins of petty larceny, but with all due respect to the senator for Esquimalt, he has been stealing Mr. Semlin's thunder. For a number of years the legal profession's bill was the latter's personal and undisputed property, held by him in fee simple and by common consent of all the members of the Legislature. It is not known how the senator for Esquimalt destroyed the member for Yale's title, but he is at least in possession—nine points of the law—and appears to be in a fair way in reducing to practice the principles of free trade in brains and education so ably and persistently advocated by Mr. Semlin.

Speaking on the legal professions bill yesterday the Member for Esquimalt inadvertently referred to "the God-fearing lawyers. He hastily corrected himself by saying "honorable and honest lawyers," and the stream, pure and undefiled, flowed on from his never-failing wells of eloquence.

The opponents of the Election Regulation Bill failed to show any good reason why the ballots should not be counted in the divisions in which they are polled at Provincial as well as Dominion elections. The antiquated form of gathering all the boxes in one place at the loss of time and not without danger, found only a few supporters among the members.

There is a discrepancy between the information of the two members from Cowichan district in regard to the Election regulation bill, Mr. Croft says "my constituents" are unanimously opposed to the ballots being counted in the several divisions in which they are polled. Mr. Fry says "my constituents" are unanimously in favor of it. "Between two stools we come to the ground." In attempting to form a correct opinion from the evidence of these two witnesses we mentally tumble down and roll over.

There was something in Mr. Bole's argument against the Legal Professions Bill. He said, look here, gentlemen, the policy of free trade is a failure. You say the mechanical and industrial arts must be protected, we must encourage home industry. If that is the case, and the practice of every day does not say it is not, how can you consistently throw open the doors to those engaged in intellectual pursuits to come in here and crowd out established businesses. The argument is fatal to the policy of free trade in lawyers, and a protectionist country, therefore, cannot well refuse the legal profession legislation to keep competition in their line out of the province. The free trader in lawyers who is a protectionist will probably say that the object of a protective policy as applied to trade is to keep foreign manufactures out of the country, while the protection applied to the legal profession has the effect of keeping out men. But the argument will scarcely stand the test.

The Royal Commission on Crofter colonization has held its first meeting in view of the opening of parliament. It is announced that the £2000 to be received from private sources, which the Government named as the condition of the Imperial grant of £10,000, has been subscribed. The Government will therefore apply to parliament early in the ensuing session for a £10,000 grant to enable the forty Crofter families already selected to proceed to Canada this spring. Upon the success of this and last year's settlements will depend the future development of the scheme.

MAN AGAINST BEAR.

A Wrestling Match in which Brain Comes Out Victor.

A native of the Sunny South was in this city last summer with a large performing bear. He left this city and traveled through Washington Territory and Oregon, and was in Stockton, Cal., a few days ago.

"Senator" Ryan, who is foreman of a gang of men at Stockton, is a wrestler of considerable skill, and out of working hours has succeeded in downing every one of the boys whom he could induce to try a fall with him. The boys got tired of being made use of to wipe up Lindsay paint and Ryan was becoming rusty for want of practice, when a bright idea struck one of the men who had been used as an earth-rammer by the muscular and skillful Ryan.

"Sinitor," he said, "there's a felly down shtreet that Oi'll bet ye the beer ye can't git a fall from him in a week's throwing."

"I'll take the bet; who's your man?" replied the Senator.

"Come on, byes, and see the fun, and if Ryan don't get a tumble may the divil broil me for a herrin' for his Ash Widnisday lunch," and off the whole crowd started, and in a few minutes reached Hunter-street square, where the Italian and his dancing bear were amusing a crowd of idlers.

"There ye is," said the man who proposed the bet, pointing to the bear; there's the felly that'll make yer heels kick off the back of yer head and use ye for a pavin' hammer."

Ryan did not like the looks of his proposed antagonist, but he would not back out, and in a few minutes the scheme was explained to the Italians, who gleefully consented to let the bear wrestle for a small consideration. "He tinks de nice wrestel," said one of them. "I catchee de plenty da mon if de biggs white man beats da he throwa de beer."

Ryan took off his coat and vest, and his suspenders around his waist, and stepped into the ring. The bear, to obedience to command from his master, rose on his hind legs and stood facing the man. Ryan reached out and twisted his right hand in the bear's shaggy coat, just back of the left shoulder, and with the other took a firm grip of the cheek strap of his muzzle. The bear responded by placing his paws on Ryan's shoulders, and then the fun began. Ryan tried a simple trip, which the bear neatly avoided; pass after pass was made by the man, but they did not worry the bear, who took it all good-naturedly till his master spoke a few words to him in Italian, and the bear went to work.

He gently drew Ryan toward him, and began to put on a hug. Ryan arched his back, but the bear stuck his snout under his chin and hugged the harder. Ryan had to give in, and he would have been downed in another second, but a small boy came to his rescue by throwing a peanut to bruin, who held Ryan firmly tusked under his left arm while he stooped and gathered up the peanut.

Ryan thought he saw a chance, and, twisting loose, he tried a half-Nelson on the bear; it was a failure. Bruin dropped his peanut, gathered up his opponent, and, twisting him gently around, laid him on his back on the ground. Then, as the cheers went up from the assembled crowd, sat calmly down on him, gathered in his peanut again and proceeded to take a lunch. As the bear weighs between 600 and 700 pounds, Ryan was helpless until the owner of the bear called him off and let the vanquished wrestler arise.

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CHAPTER XIII.

MADGE MAKES A DISCOVERY.

Madge stepped into the cab, and Calton paused a moment to tell the cabman to drive to the railway station, when she stopped him.

"Tell him to drive to Brian's lodgings in Powlett street," she said, laying her hand on Calton's arm.

"What for?" asked the lawyer, in astonishment.

"And also to go past the Melbourne club, as I want to stop there."

"What the deuce does she mean?" muttered Calton, as he gave the necessary orders and stepped into the cab.

"And now," he asked, looking at his companion, who had let down her veil, while the cab rattled quickly down the street, "what do you intend to do?"

She threw back her veil, and he was astonished to see the sudden change which had come over her. There were no tears now, and her eyes were hard and glittering, while her mouth was firmly closed. She looked like a woman who had determined to do a certain thing, and would carry out her intentions at whatever cost.

"I am going to save Brian in spite of himself," she said very distinctly.

"But how?"

"Simply this," she answered. "In the first place, I may tell you that I do not understand Brian's statement that he keeps silence for my sake, as there are no secrets in my life that can justify him saying so, but the facts of the case are simply these: Brian, on the night in question, left our place, at St. Kilda, at 11 o'clock. He told me he would call at the club to see if there were any letters for him, and then go straight home."

"But he might have said that merely as a blind."

Madge shook her head.

"No, I don't think so. I never asked him where he was going, and he told me quite spontaneously. I know Brian's character, and he would not go and tell a deliberate lie, especially when there was no necessity for it. I am quite certain that he intended to do as he said, and go straight home. When he got to the club he found a letter there, which caused him to alter his mind."

"But who did he receive the letter from?"

"Can't you guess?" she said, impatiently. "From the person, man or woman, who wanted to see him and reveal this secret about me, whatever it is. He got the letter at his club and went down Collins street to meet the writer. At the corner of the Scotch church he found Mr. Whyte, and on recognizing him left in disgust and walked down Russell street to keep his appointment."

"Then you don't think he came back?"

"I am certain he did not, for, as Brian told you, there are plenty of young men who wear the same kind of coat and hat as he does. Who the second man who got into the cab was I do not know, but I will swear that it was not Brian."

"And you are going to look for that letter?"

"Yes, in Brian's lodgings."

"He might have burnt it."

"He might have done a thousand things, but he did not," she answered. "Brian is the most careless man in the world; he would put the letter into his pocket, or throw it into the waste paper basket and never think of it again."

"In this case he did, however."

"Yes, he thought of the conversation he had with the writer, but not of the letter itself. Depend upon it, we will find it in his desk, or in one of the pockets of the clothes he wore that night."

"Then there's another thing," said Calton, thoughtfully. "The letter might have been delivered to him between the Elizabeth street railway station and the club."

"We can soon find out about that," answered Madge; "for Mr. Holleston was with him at that time."

"So he was," answered Calton; "and here is Holleston coming down the street. We'll ask him now."

The cab was just passing the Burke and Wills monument, and Calton's quick eye had caught a glimpse of Holleston coming down the street on the left hand side. The cab drove up to the curbing, and Holleston stopped short, as Calton sprang out directly in front of him. Madge lay back in the cab and pulled down her veil, not wishing to be recognised by Felix, as she knew that if he did it would soon be all over town.

"Hallo! old chap," said Holleston, in considerable astonishment. "Where did you spring from?"

"From the cab, of course," answered Calton, with a laugh.

"A kind of Deus ex machina," replied Holleston, attempting a bad pun.

"Exactly," said Calton. "Look here, Holleston, do you remember the night of Whyte's murder—you met Fitzgerald at the railway station?"

"In the train," corrected Felix.

"Well, well; no matter, you came up with him to the club."

"Yes, and left him there."

"Did you notice if he received any message while he was with you?"

"Any message!" repeated Felix. "No, he did not; we were talking together the whole time, and he spoke to no one but me."

"Was he in good spirits?"

"Excellent; made me laugh awfully—but why all this business?"

"Oh, nothing," answered Calton, getting back into the cab. "I wanted a little information from you. I'll explain next time I see you. Good-by."

"But I say," began Felix, but the cab had already rattled away, so Mr. Holleston turned angrily away.

"I never saw anything like these lawyers," he said to himself. "Calton's a perfect whirlwind, by Jove."

Meanwhile Calton was talking to Madge.

"You were right," he said, "there must have been a message for him at the club, for he got none from the time he left your place."

"And what shall we do now?" asked Madge, who, having heard all the conversation, did not trouble about questioning the lawyer about it.

"Find out at the club if any letter was waiting for him on that night," said Calton, as the cab stopped at the door of the Melbourne club. "Here we are," and with a hasty word to Madge, he ran up the steps.

He went to the office of the club to find out if any letters had been waiting for Fitzgerald, and he found there a waiter with whom he was pretty well acquainted.

"Look here, Brown," said the lawyer, "do you remember on that Thursday night when the hansom cab murder took place if any letters were waiting here for Mr. Fitzgerald?"

"Well, really, sir," hesitated Brown, "it's so long ago that I almost forgot."

Calton gave him a sovereign.

"Oh! it's not that, Mr. Calton," said the waiter, pocketing the coin, nevertheless. "But I really do forget."

"Try and remember," said Calton, shortly.

Brown made a tremendous effort of memory, and at last gave a satisfactory answer.

"No, sir, there were none!"

"Are you sure?" said Calton, feeling a thrill of disappointment.

"Quite sure, sir," replied the other, confidently. "I went to the letter rack several times that night, and I am sure there were none for Mr. Fitzgerald."

"Ah! I thought as much," said Calton, heaving a sigh.

"Stop!" said Brown, as though struck with a sudden idea. "Though there was no letter came by post, sir, there was one brought to him on that night."

"Ah!" said Calton, turning sharply. "At what time?"

"Just before 12 o'clock, sir."

"Who brought it?"

"A young woman, sir," said Brown, in a tone of disgust. "A bold thing, beggin' your pardon, sir, and no better than she could be. She bounced in at the door as bold as brass, and sings out, 'Is he in?' 'Get out,' I says, 'or I'll call the perlice.' 'Oh no, you won't,' says she; 'You'll give him that,' and she shows a letter in my hands. 'Who's him?' I asks. 'I dunno,' she answers. 'It's written there, and I can't read; give it him at once.' And then she clears out before I could stop her."

"And the letter was for Mr. Fitzgerald?"

"Yes, sir, and a precious dirty letter it was, too."

"You gave it to him, of course?"

"I did, sir. He was playing cards and he put it in his pocket, after having looked at the outside of it, and went off with his game."

"Didn't he open it?"

"Not then, sir; but he did later on, about a quarter to 1 o'clock. I was in the room, and he opens it and reads it. Then he says to himself, 'What d——d impertinence,' and puts it into his pocket."

"Was he disturbed?"

"Well, sir, he looked angry like, and put his coat and hat on and walked out about five minutes to 1."

"Ah! and he met Whyte at 1," muttered Calton. "There's no doubt about it. The letter was an appointment, and he was going to keep it. What kind of a letter was it?" he asked.

"Very dirty, sir, in a square envelope; but the paper was good, and so was the writing."

"That will do," said Calton; "I am much obliged to you," and he hurried down to where Madge awaited him in the cab.

"You were right," he said to her, when the cab was once more in motion. "He got a letter on that night, and went to keep his appointment at the time he met Whyte."

"I knew it," cried Madge with delight. "You see, we will find it in his lodgings."

"I hope so," answered Calton; "but we must not be too sanguine; he may have destroyed it."

"No, he has not," she replied; "I am convinced it is there."

"Well," answered Calton, looking at her, "I won't contradict you, for your feminine instincts have done more to discover the truth than my reasonings; but that is often the case with women—they jump in the dark where a man would hesitate, and in nine cases out of ten land safely."

"Alas for the tenth!" said Miss Prettlby. "She has to be the one exception to prove the rule."

She had in a great measure recovered her spirits, and seemed confident that she would save her lover. But Mr Calton saw that her nerves were strung up to the highest pitch, and that it was only her strong will that kept her from breaking down altogether.

"By Jove," he muttered, in an admiring tone, as he watched her, "she's a plucky girl, and Fitzgerald is a lucky man to have a woman like that in love with him."

They soon arrived at Brian's lodgings, and the door was opened by Mrs Sampson, who looked very disconsolate indeed. The poor cricket had been blaming herself severely for the information she had given to the false insurance agent, and the floods of tears which she had wept had apparently had an affect on her physical condition, for she cracked less loudly than usual, though her voice was as shrill as ever.

"That sich a thing should 'ave 'appened to 'im," she wailed, in her thin, high voice. "An' me that proud of 'im, not 'avin' any family of my own, except one as died an' went up to 'eaving arter 'is father, which I 'opes as they both are now angels, an' frivolly, as 'is nature 'ad not developed in this valley of the shadder to determine 'is feelin's towards 'is father when 'e died, bein' carried off by a chill, caused by the change from 'ot to cold, the weather bein' that contrairy."

They had arrived at Brian's sitting room by this time, and Madge sank into a chair, while Calton, anxious to begin the search, said rather impatiently, as he opened the door for her: "Leave us for a short time, there's a good soul. Miss Prettlby and I want to have a rest, and we will ring for you when we are going."

"Thank you, sir," said the irritymous landlady, "an' I 'opes they won't sing 'im, which is such a choky way of dyin', but in life we are in death," she went on, rather incoherently, "as is well known to them as 'as 'ad disease, an' may be corpsed at any minute, and as"——

Here Calton, unable to restrain his impatience any longer, shut the door, and they heard Mrs. Sampson's shrill voice and subdued cracklings die away in the distance.

"Now then," he said, "now that we have got rid of that woman and her tongue, where are we to begin?"

"The desk," replied Madge, going over to it; "it's the most likely place."

The letter, however, was not to be found in the desk, nor was it in the sitting room; they tried the bedroom, but with no better result; so Madge was nearly giving up the search in despair, when suddenly Calton's eye fell on the waste paper basket, which, by some unaccountable reason, they had overlooked in their search. The basket was half full, and, on looking at it, a sudden thought struck the lawyer. He rang the bell, and suddenly Mrs. Sampson made her appearance.

"How long has that waste paper basket been standing like that?" he asked, pointing to it.

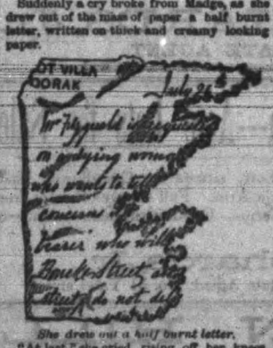
"It bein' the only fault I 'ad to find with 'im," said Mrs. Sampson, "'e bein' that untidy that 'e never let me clean it out until 'e told me pussonly 'E said as 'ow 'e throwed things into it as 'e might 'ave to look up again; an' I 'aven't touched it for more nor six weeks, 'opin' you won't think me a bad housekeeper, it bein' 'is own wish—bein' fond of litter an' sich like."

"Six weeks," repeated Calton, with a look at Madge. "Ah, and he got the letter four weeks ago. Depend upon it, we shall find it there."

Madge gave a cry, and, falling on her knees, emptied the basket out on the floor, and both she and Calton were soon as busy among the fragments of paper as though they were ragpickers.

"'Opin' they ain't orf their 'eads," murmured Mrs. Sampson, as she went to the door, "but it looks like it, they bein'"——

Suddenly a cry broke from Madge, as she drew out of the mass of paper a half burnt letter, written on thick and creamy looking paper.



She drew out a half burnt letter.

"At last," she cried, rising off her knees, and smoothing it out, "I knew he had not destroyed it."

"Pretty nearly, however," said Calton, as his eye glanced rapidly over it; "it's almost useless as it is, seeing there's no name to it."

He took it over to the window and spread it out upon the table. It was dirty, and half burnt, but still it was a clew. The above is a fac-simile of the letter.

"There's not much to be gained from that, I'm afraid," said Madge, sadly. "It shows he had an appointment—but where?"

Calton did not answer for, leaning his head on his hands, he stared hard at the paper. At last he jumped up with a cry—

"I have it," he said in an excited tone. "Look at that paper, so how creamy and white it is, and, above all, look at the printing in the corner—'OT VILLA GORAK.'"

"Then he went down to Toorak?"

"In an hour, and back again—hardly."

"Then it was not written from Toorak?"

"No, it was written in one of the Melbourne back slums."

"How do you know?"

"Look at the girl who brought it," said Calton, quickly. "A disreputable woman, one far more likely to come from the back slums than Toorak. As to the paper, three months ago there was a robbery at Toorak, and this is some of the paper that was stolen by the thieves."

Madge said nothing, but her sparkling eyes and nervous trembling of the hands showed her excitement.

"I will see a detective this evening," said Calton, exultingly, "find out where this letter came from and go and see who wrote it. We'll save him yet," he said, placing the precious letter carefully in his pocketbook.

"You think that you will be able to find the woman who wrote that?"

"Hum," said the lawyer, looking thoughtful, "she may be dead, as the letter says she is in a dying condition. However, if I can find the woman who delivered the letter at the club, and who waited for Fitzgerald at the corner of Russell street, that will be sufficient. All I want to prove is that he was not in the hansom cab with Whyte."

"And do you think you can do that?"

"Depends upon this letter," said Calton, enigmatically tapping the pocketbook with his finger. "I'll tell you to-morrow."

Shortly afterward they left the house, and when Calton put Madge safely into the St. Kilda train her heart felt lighter than it had done since Fitzgerald's arrest.

(To be continued.)

AN OLD TRICKSTER.

A Philanthropist Catches a Tartar in the Street Car Service.

"Shame! shame!" cried a benevolent gentleman, as a car driver snapped a whip lustily around the heels of a horse that was being led from the big stable of the crosstown lines in Christopher, near West street, to a waiting car. The animal was so lame in both front legs that the old frame quivered as if it were going to unhinge every time he cautiously put his foot on the pavement. It did seem hard to force an old animal like this to work, and a crowd of people, who had speedily gathered, were heartily glad when the benevolent man seized the driver's arm, and, showing a badge of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, threatened to arrest him if he persisted in mauling the beast.

"Show Billy some kindness!" said the driver in response to the stranger's suggestion. "Shuits that's what ails him. He's had too much of it. Why he'll swallow kindness quicker than a mouthful of oats and show his gratitude by sleeping twenty-four hours out of a day. He's the biggest rogue in New York, and I'll prove it to you. Whoa there, Billy! Hi! Yi! Whoopla!"

Up went the horse's ears as if he had heard the voice of an old friend. The driver patted him on the back and whispered: "You won't have to work today, Billy." The change was magical. The old nag was a 2-year-old again. He started toward his stall without a trace of lameness. He was turned about face toward the car quickly, the lameness was turned in a jiffy, and he looked as if he was going to shake off his skin and die.

"This is an every day occurrence," said Mr. Parker, the superintendent of the stable. "Billy is an old trick horse and used to travel with a circus. He has an innate hatred for work, and becomes lame every time that he is taken from his stall to take a turn with a car. He fooled us all at first, and I had thought I had been badly stuck in buying him, but I soon found out he was shamming. The lameness disappears as soon as he is hitched up, and he goes on his journey at good speed."

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"None whatever."

"What would you like to do?"

"I don't know. I don't think that I have any especial fitness for anything."

"Got no leaning toward any calling, eh?"

"None."

"Why, then, have you left home?"

"Well, the truth is, I was bored. My brothers and sisters are musicians, and their playing annoyed me."

"You don't like music, then?"

"I despise it."

"Can you sing?"

"Not a note."

"Young man," said the old fellow, speaking with emotion, "you need feel no further anxiety concerning your future. I will give you a grand opportunity. I am the manager of an opera company, and I want you."—Arkansaw Traveler.

Superstitious of the Stage.

"A cross eyed girl is death to good luck on the stage," said the old showman who was in a pensive and talkative mood Saturday.

"They are dead sure to bring bad luck—a regular hoodoo, and no mistake. Lots of us won't travel with one in the company. I won't, if I know it, and I reckon I do. The opera company here this week, though, don't think so. I noticed a twist in one of the eyes of the chorus. Another bad one is a yellow clarinet in the orchestra. I'd rather play in front of a loaded cannon. Crickety! how I suffered! One night when I was playing down in Jersey I looked over the footlights and saw an old fellow with a black wig on his head blowing bad luck at me out of the nozzle of a yellow clarinet. I was hoodooed for sure, and didn't get into luck again for over six months, and then only by picking up a horseshoe in Pittsburg, Pa. I know lots of the boys who won't face one."—Lewiston Journal.

His Occupation.

Many a loving young bridegroom may deserve the epithet which illumines the following anecdote, but, as a general thing, no one discovers the fact in so short a time after marriage.

The niece of a deaf old gentleman "way down in Maine," married one of the best musical critics of the west. On their bridal tour the husband was for the first time presented to this relative, who asked another niece in a loud whisper:

"What does he do?"

"He's a musical critic," was the loud reply.

"Waal," said the uncle, gazing at the young man, "no accountin' for tastes, but why did she marry him, if he's a mis'rable critter?"—Musical Review.

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THE LILLOOET "JUSTICE."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES:

SIR,—In your issue of Feb. 5 h I see that our junior member is credited with the following: "I may say that I was performing a duty as Justice of the Peace when the House met." This will be news to the people of Clinton, as on that day and three days previous he was here and no one tried. It is to be hoped the balance of his statements during the session will be nearer the facts. ELECTOR.

NOW IS THE TIME TO STRIKE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES:

SIR,—I see by your Ottawa dispatches that the Hon. Mr. Forster has given an evasive reply in answer to Mr Prior's question as to whether the line of steamers between this province and Japan, which it is proposed to subsidize with public money, would call at Esquimalt on the inward and outward voyages. I have called the reply "evasive," but it is worse, it is scarcely civil considering that it was made to the representative of Sir John's old constituency and one which always supported him through good and evil report. I wish, therefore, to remind the people of this city that this is not a matter which they can afford to go to sleep over no more than they can afford to treat with Sir John and his Government in a weak and hesitating manner. The old gentleman has never been remarkable for fidelity to his friends. Indeed his whole history is soiled at close intervals with inexcusable faithlessness and a disposition to sacrifice friends when it suited him to do so. The people of Victoria, if they are not both deaf and blind, must be convinced by this time that he will not hesitate to lay them on the altar, that with a direct and personal interest in another city of this province he will not be slow to throw their cause to the fair winds of heaven. I would suggest, therefore, that this is the time to "strike." Let the question be repeated in the commons, and unless a satisfactory answer be given let a public meeting be called and resolutions instructing Mr. Prior to withhold his support from the government be passed and forwarded to him. Let Mr. Baker be given similar instructions if he is there. As the older communities of the province in common with Victoria brought about the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway and are still every day paying their full share for its construction, let their representatives be asked to cooperate with ours in securing that justice to which we are entitled. If the request were made it certainly would not be refused. This is our golden opportunity, let us not regret it.

VICTORIAN.

CITY AND PROVINCE.

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—The British Columbia *Monthly and Mining Review* will be sold at S. W. Waitt & Co.'s book store, and J. J. Daley & Co.'s, Government street.

—If you want good and useful articles for Christmas presents call on JOHN WELLER, Fort street, where you will find the largest stock ever exhibited in Victoria.

—The British Columbia Soap Works are manufacturing large quantities of their celebrated Wrapped Electric Soap put up for family use in 20 bar boxes Price $1.25.

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—The less we parade our misfortunes the more sympathy we command.

—Directory of British Columbia—Wait and see the edition shortly to be published by R. T. Williams, containing 125 various and separate directories with descriptions of each place before purchasing a copy published elsewhere.

—The elevator boy does his share toward "the elevation of the masses."

—Ill-fitting boots and shoes cause corns. Holloway's Corn Cure is the article to use. Get a bottle at once and cure your corns.

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—A foolish thing of one's own doing is often preferred to a very wise one of another's advising.

—No other medicine is so reliable as Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for the cure of coughs, colds and all derangements of the respiratory organs. It relieves the asthmatic and consumptive, even in advanced stages of disease.

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—"My little son, three years of age was terribly afflicted with scrofula. His head was entirely covered with scrofulous sores, and his body showed many marks of the disease. A few bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla cured him."—W. J. Beckett, Hymera, Ind.

—We should make the same use of a book that a bee does of a flower; she steals sweets from it, but does not injure it.

—Messrs. Stott & Jury, chemists, Bowmanville, write: "We would direct attention to Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery, which is giving perfect satisfaction to our numerous customers. All the preparations manufactured by this well-known house are among the most reliable in the market.

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—A. D. Noyes, Newark, Michigan, writes:—"I have enquired at the drug stores for Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, but have failed to find it. We brought a bottle with us from Quebec, but it is nearly gone, and we do not want to be without it, as my wife is troubled with a pain in the shoulder, and nothing else gives relief. Can you send us some?"

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—The best way to repair strength and increase the bodily substance is to invigorate the stomach and improve the circulation with Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure. Simultaneously with the disappearance of indigestion it relieves that morbid despondency, and the nervousness which are as much the product of dyspepsia as the weakness of the stomach and loss of vigor and flesh which proceed from it; as a blood purifier it has no equal.

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NAVAL YARD, ESQUIMALT, } 16th January, 1889. }

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED ON BEHALF of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty until noon on Monday, the 18th February next for supplying such quantities of lumber and small spars as may be required for Navy purposes for one year certain from 1st April, 1889.

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jy11y W. J. QUINLAN, Scribe E.

FAR WEST LODGE, No. 1, K. of P. Regular convocation every Tuesday in Oddfellows' Hall, Government street. Sojourning knights are cordially invited to attend.

B. H. JOHN, K. of R. & S. oct9

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mr8 ly E. B. ESHOUF, Secretary.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sixty days after date we intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase twelve hundred and eighty acres of land, on Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Island Group, described as follows: Commencing at the north-west corner of D. Freeman's claim, thence east 160 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 160 chains; thence north 80 chains, to point of commencement. Containing twelve hundred and eighty acres, more or less.

C. E. RENOUF,
JNO NICHOLLES.

Victoria B. C., February 2nd 1889. fe9-2m

NOTICE.

Mining Review.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MONTHLY AND MINING REVIEW is, and will be, devoted chiefly to the Economic interests of the Province, including Quartz, Placer and Coal Mining, Timber, Fisheries, Agriculture Banking and Commercial, Commercial and Manufacturing Interests. All who wish to assist, more properly, cooperate with us, in developing British Columbia interests will now have an opportunity; and if they do not accept it, and can we will be inclined to place them among non-progressionists. We will do our part, and endeavor to do it well; let the public do theirs. fe8

NOTICE.

SEPARATE TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR each of the undermentioned properties, the highest or any offer will not necessarily be accepted:—

VICTORIA CITY:

1. Lots 11 and 12, Spring ville.
2. Lot 55, Springville, and the building thereon

VICTORIA DISTRICT:

3. Lot 30 (portion of section 29), Oakland Estate, containing five acres, more or less.

ESQUIMALT DISTRICT:

4. Suburban Lots 23, 24, 49 and Subdivision No. 1 of Suburban Lot 51, Esquimalt District, containing altogether 27 acres, more or less.

New Westminster District:

5. Sections 21 and 24, Range 1 east, Block 1 north, containing 320 acres, more or less.
6. Southeast quarter of Section XI, Township 2, containing 160 acres, more or less.
7. Lot 32, Group 1, containing 160 acres, more or less.

Yale District—Savona's:

8. Water Lots 19, 20, 21 and 23, (Savona's), and the Brewery thereon.

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NOTICE.

Estate of John Cuthbert, deceased.

ALL DEBTORS TO THE ESTATE ARE requested to pay their accounts, and all creditors of the estate to present their claims, forthwith, to Mrs. Cuthbert, the executrix of the will of the deceased, or to

J. ROLAND HETT,
Victoria, January 22nd 1889. Barrister-at-Law. ja22tf

NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

J. ROSCOWITZ vs. T. H. COOPER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT UNDER and by virtue of two orders made by the Honorable Sir Matthew B. Begbie, Chief Justice, dated respectively the 21st and 29th day of January, 1889, the undersigned has been appointed Receiver and Manager of the steamship "Barbara Boscowitz" to manage and conduct the business of the said steamship and to receive any money for freight or otherwise due, or to become due, in respect of the said steamship.

JAMES C. PREVOST,
Dated, 28th January, 1889. Receiver. 28-1m

NOTICE.

I HEREBY FORBID ANY PERSON GIVING credit to any one on my account without my written order. J. ROSCOWITZ.

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NOTICE.

IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN APPLICATION will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate the Christian Temperance Cooperative Commonwealth, for the purpose of establishing settlements on Malcom Island and other lands in the Province.

F. JOSEPH SPENCER.
Dated at Victoria, the 15th January, 1889.

NOTICE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT ALL powers of attorney given by me, to any person in this Province, have been revoked, and that no one in the Province has authority to act as attorney-in-fact for me.

J. ROSCOWITZ.
Dated, Victoria, January 22nd 1889. ja23tf

NOTICE.

Estate of Thomas Ings, deceased.

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE above estate are required to pay the amounts due forthwith, and all persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same to

THORNTON FELL,
Solicitor for the Executors.
Victoria, 4th October, 1888. oct15tf

NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

BETWEEN

JOHN CAMERON, Plaintiff,

AND

THADDEUS HARPER, Defendant.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT AN Order has been made in the above entitled action, by the Hon. Sir Matthew B. Begbie, C.J., appointing James C. Prevost and Henry R. Mason to be Receivers of all the Estate and Effects of the above named defendant, to take possession of the real estate and receive and collect the personal estate, and to manage and conduct his business, and to restrain the defendant and all other persons from interfering with them as such Receivers.

JAMES C. PREVOST,
HENRY R. MASON,
Dated, Victoria, Dec. 20 1888. de22

NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN APPLICATION will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing and operating a line of STREET RAILWAY in the Districts of Esquimalt, Victoria and Lake, connecting with the Street Railway system of the City of Victoria, on the following routes: Victoria to Cadboro and Oak Bays; Victoria to Esquimalt Town; Victoria to the Royal Oak Hotel in Lake District; Victoria to Craigflower Bridge; Victoria to the Gorge, and from thence by the Craigflower Road back to Victoria; and to such other point or points as may be deemed advisable. The said Street Railway line to run along the usual highways to the foregoing points.

EBERTS & TAYLOR
Agents for the Applicants.
Victoria, Dec. 18 1888. de21

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT APplication will be made to the Legislature of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for a Private Bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping and maintaining a Railway from a convenient point on the eastern boundary of the Province to the northern terminus of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway on Vancouver Island via Yellowstone Pass, Cariboo and Bute Inlet, with power to construct and maintain branch lines, to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines to build and operate steam and other vessels, and generally to do all things conducive or incidental to the attainment of the above purposes or any of them; and for a grant of land in aid of the proposed enterprises.

CHARLES WILSON,
de24 Solicitor for the Applicants.

Estate of Thomas Thompson, Deceased.

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE ABOVE estate are requested to pay the amounts due forthwith, and all persons having any claims against the said estate are requested to forward the same duly proved to

JAMES C. PREVOST,
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Per steamer Islander from Vancouver.—O Lavendier, H B Richardson, T Mainwaathes, Amos Alvin, C H Moe, F Marran, Geo Percival, W W Carlow, Sarah Gibson, Hugh Mitchell, David Davis, Edgar Stone, A C Churchill, G Byrnes, Rev E S Wright, J Johnston, Miss Smith, C Desormier, Dr Langis, W L Leonard, R M Johnston, Capt H G Tatlow, R T Roberts, F W Lake, D Fleming, Curry, Thos Earle, Capt J Irving, R P Rithet, D M Eberts, G A Keefer, S Lang, Mrs D M Eberts, W L Thompson, W Fuller, J Fuller, A C Hastings, C Braund.

CITY AND PROVINCE.

—The Provincial Gaol contained 57 prisoners this afternoon.

—Steamer Sardonyx will leave to-morrow for northern ports.

—An adjourned meeting of the City Council will be held this evening.

—The Midnight Adieu Club will hold a dance this evening in Stolly's Hall.

—The Maple Leaf Club held a very pleasant dance last evening in Oliver's Hall.

—H. M. S. Espeigle returned to Esquimalt at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from a cruise in the Straits.

—A meeting of the Electric Lighting and Tramway Company will be held at Harmony Hall to-morrow evening.

—The bachelors of Saanich will hold their annual St. Valentine's ball this evening at the Agricultural Hall, South Saanich.

—The marriage of a well-known contractor and a young lady resident of this city will take place during the early part of next week.

—The steamer Isabel, which went ashore at False Narrow on Tuesday, succeeded in getting off after a few hours delay, and proceeded on her trip to Comox.

—A proposal has been laid before the Nanaimo City Council to purchase and assume control of the water works of that city which are at present in the hands of private parties.

—Two dudes belonging to this city jumped on a scavenger's cart a few nights ago and started the horse around the streets. After driving up and down several streets they were overhauled by the irate driver.

—Owing to illness in the family of the Rev. J. W. Wadman, M. A., the revival services which have been so successfully held in the Methodist Church, Nanaimo, for the past few weeks, were brought to a close last evening.

—The gold watch which was said to have been stolen on Tuesday night on the corner of Douglas and Yates streets, was returned to-day by a small boy. The watch, it has since transpired, was not stolen by footpads.

—A petition was presented in the Legislature to-day by Capt. Tatlow and others, praying for the incorporation of a railway company to be known as the Fraser River, New Westminster & Vancouver Railway Company. The company will connect with the New Westminster & Southern Railway.

PERSONAL.

Items Telling of Movements of Well Known Persons.

Capt Tatlow arrived from Vancouver last night.

R P Rithet was a passenger from Vancouver last night on the steamer Islander.

T Earle returned from Vancouver on last night's steamer.

Amongst the arrivals from Vancouver last night was Geo Byrnes, Dr Langis and Capt John Irving.

Rev F E Wright arrived in this city last evening on the steamer Islander.

Mrs Henry Badge is dangerously ill.

W M Halpenny is recovering from a severe attack of illness.

E S Scoullar arrived from New Westminster on Wednesday.

A Rome, of this city, returned from Nanaimo on Wednesday's train.

Messrs A M Beveridge, of the *Free Press* staff, and Geo Rowe, wharfinger for Johnston & Co, Nanaimo, who went to the hospital a few days ago, said to be ill with diphtheria, are rapidly recovering. Dr Davis, the hospital physician, says their familiar faces will be seen on the streets again before the end of the present week. The attack in both instances was of the mildest type.

Mr Herschel Gordon, eldest son of Mr D W Gordon, M P, who also had a slight attack of the same disease, is almost able to be out again.

Rev J W Wadman returned from Nanaimo on this afternoon's train.

D M Eberts and G A Keefer returned to this city last evening on the steamer Islander.

C Braund and R Lang were passengers from Vancouver on last night's steamer.

POLICE COURT.

[Before Hon. A. N. Richards, Q.C.]

Peter a Fort Rupert Indian, was charged by Sergt. Walker and Officer Lindsay with stealing a quantity of tobacco from Geo. Batty's store. Sentenced to imprisonment for three months.

John Hennessey was charged by officer Haughton with stealing a valise and a pair of blankets. Sentenced to imprisonment for six months.

Thos. Murphy was charged by officer Lavin with being drunk and disorderly. Fined $5 or one month in gaol.

Ah Jim, charged by Sergt. Walker and Officer Lindsay with supplying liquor to Indians. Prisoner pleaded guilty and was sentenced to imprisonment for six months.

New Autumn Dress Fabrics.

A complete line in single and double width goods just received at the City House.

Wood and Coal.

For sale at current rates. Orders promptly filled if left at the Scotch Bakery, Douglas street, or J. Finlayson's Tea Store, corner of Government and Broughton Streets. A. C. Howe. 1-al

Real Estate.

Yesterday Mr. S. Perry Mills purchased of Mr. J. D. Pemberton two pieces of land, one piece containing two acres and the other five acres. Mr. Mills within a few hours of his purchase sold the five acres at a considerable advance. Mr. Mills purchased another lot to-day containing four acres upon which he intends to erect a handsome residence.

Henderson's New Directory.

Henderson's British Columbia Gazetteer and Directory for 1889 contains a general gazetter and business directory of the province, and complete city directories of Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo; also, a complete classified business directory of British Columbia. Price $2. Address L. G. Henderson, P. O. Box 278, Victoria, B. C.

Grand Clearance Sale of Fancy Holiday Goods.

The remainder of fine bisque figures and statuary, Carlsbad ivory; Dresden, India and Egyptian urns and vases; Alabaster and Bohemian glassware; Crown Derby and Royal Vienna goods, etc., will be sold at a discount of 25 per cent. off on regular prices. J. Sehl, 68 Government street.

Fire at Nanaimo.

At 1:30 o'clock this morning a fire was discovered in the shaft house of the old Douglas mine, on Nicol street. The fire spread rapidly, and soon the whole building was in flames. The fire engine not having a team could not be taken out; the fire bell made a few spasmodic attempts to send forth an alarm and then stopped, the bell-ropes being in a bad condition. The hose cart was taken out by the firemen, but before it could be of any use the shaft house was burned down and the building was entirely consumed. Nothing is known as to the origin of the fire, but there is little doubt it was the work of tramps or an incendiary. The building has not been used for several years and the loss is trifling.—*Courier.*

Flour and Feed.

Brackman & Ker, of Government street, have been appointed sole agents for Starr & Co.'s California flour, which they now offer for sale. Read their advertisement.

Marriage at Port Townsend.

Alfred Williams and Miss Agnes Slater, of this city, were married at Port Townsend on Tuesday morning by Rev. Jesse C. Taylor. The happy couple returned to this city on Tuesday evening on the steamer Olympian.

Wide Tires.

The following bill in respect to wide tires has been introduced by Mr. Anderson: After the 31st day of December, 1889, it shall be unlawful for any wagon or vehicle carrying more than two thousand pounds to be drawn or driven on any of the public highways of the District of Victoria, unless the tires of such wagon or vehicle shall be at least four inches in width.

Coal in 1874.

We have before us a copy of the *Standard* of November, 1874, which contains an advertisement of R. Broderick & Co., offering screened Nanaimo coal for $8.50 per English ton. Fifteen years after, when there is a large market and cheaper facilities for mining, the Wellington coal is sold for $10. The difference in profits for one year is simply enormous. Fortunately Providence sent a mild winter this year, and perhaps less than one-half the usual quantity of coal has been consumed.

Fire This Morning.

At 8 o'clock this morning Mrs. Oliver discovered smoke issuing from a room in her residence on View street. Mr. Oliver was called and the fire was extinguished after burning clothing valued at $150. The fire was caused by a defective flue in which a hole was left without a stopper and covered with wall paper. Mr. Oliver says the house had a narrow escape and two of the family were asleep in an adjoining room whose lives were endangered by the carelessness of the owners of the building.

Kootenay and Athabaska.

The promoters of the Kootenay & Athabaska Railway include Messrs. McLeod Stewart, ex-Mayor of Ottawa, who seeks a charter to construct a railway from Revelstoke, on the Canadian Pacific Railway line, to point near the head of Kootenay Lake, following the valleys of the Columbia and Illecompolux rivers, Trout Lake and Lardeaux Creek; thence to the International boundary line at or between the Kootenay and Columbia rivers, with power to construct a branch line to Slocum Lake.

Three Steamers.

It has been definitely settled that the Pacific Coast Steamship Company will add another steamer to the San Francisco-Victoria route. The steamer Mexico will be placed on the route on the 6th March and trips will be made every five days. The Mexico was formerly on this route, but her place was taken by the Walla Walla. Since her removal the Mexico has done comparatively little work, and has been entirely renovated and repaired. This change has been made to accommodate the growing trade and increased passenger traffic.

Mrs. Caroline Hunt.

Supt. of Police Sheppard received the following letter last night from Chief of Police Mitchell, of Seattle:

DEAR SIR.—I notice by this morning's dispatches that you have in custody in your city the notorious Mrs. Caroline Hunt *alias* Carrie Brown. She has been arrested here several times for theft and once suspected of having something to do with the murder of an Indian woman. She has been fined several times, but we never could get a good clinch on her. I hope your authorities will send her up for a good long time as she is without doubt the worst woman that has ever been in this city.

A Unique Entertainment.

An old folks concert will be held next Wednesday evening in the Blue Ribbon Hall, Pandora street, from what we can learn promises to be a most interesting and enjoyable affair. Old folks concerts are not unknown here, the one given about a year ago being very successful. This one is intended to surpass all previous attempts. The dresses worn will be of a former century, and many of our best vocalists will take part *when it is known that* the musical portion of the entertainment will be under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown. Each lady and gentleman taking part have received names, which were common a long time ago, and some difficulty will be experienced from their dress in finding out their real ones. It is not often that entertainments are gotten up which are calculated to please the generation now passing away, therefore all the old folks of Victoria should be present and enjoy an entertainment as good as it is rare and in so doing help to remove the debt of the building now occupied by those temperance societies that are doing so much good work in this city.

Deep Sea Fishing.

Yesterday morning, says the Vancouver *News*, the schooner W. P. Sayward, sixty tons burden, arrived at the city wharf and later on was taken to Coal Harbor and there anchored until this afternoon, when she will be placed in dry dock and thoroughly overhauled. This is the vessel which Lundberg & Bezar will send north to establish deep-sea fishing stations on Queen Charlotte Island. On the 25th inst. Mr. Lundberg, taking 16 men with him, will depart for the fishing grounds. He will take along 15,000 feet of lumber wherewith to build the station houses. The vessel will be provisioned for a period of six months and the stations for the period of a year. After the fishing stations have been properly established the vessel will proceed to the sealing waters on the west shore of the island, the firm having decided to go into this branch of business as well as the deep sea fishing. Three other schooners have been engaged to carry to this port the skins of the seals which may be caught. The firm have a number of experienced fishermen coming from Sweden in May and when they arrive other stations will probably be established. Lundberg & Bezar are putting energy as well as capital into the enterprise and large results may be looked for. They have lately refitted their office on Water street and have decided henceforth to do only a wholesale business.

Concert and Dramatic Entertainment.

The St. Joseph's Social and Literary Society will give an entertainment to-morrow, Friday, evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. The programme, which we give below, speaks wonders for a very pleasing time being had by all those attending.

PART I

Overture	Orchestra
Song	Miss A Shaw
Recitation	Miss Hyams
Song	Mr W R Higgins
Clarionet Solo	Prof A Agius
Song	Miss U Cameron
Song (French)	Mr Oliver
Overture	Orchestra

PART II

Serio-comic Drama in three acts of "Dearer than Life."

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ:

Michael Garner	Staff-Sergt. Mellon
Uncle Ben (his elder brother)	D F Fee Jr
Charley (Michael's son)	E C Smith
Bob Gamitt	W H Phelps
Old Bolter	S J Latham
Mr Kelsler	A McDonald
Miss Garner	Miss A Jamieson
Lucy	Miss A Shaw
Mrs Feller	Miss F O'Brien

Guests, &c.

The entertainment will, no doubt, be a great success. The concert part embraces some of the best talent in the city, whilst the drama "Dearer than Life" will be a treat indeed. We predict for the Society a crowded house on Friday evening. Mr. D. F. Fee, Jr., has charge of the programme and his name is a sufficient guarantee that a most satisfactory entertainment will be the result.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

CITY COUNCIL.

Communications—Mr. Duck's Letter —The School Act.

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held last evening. Present: His Worship Mayor Grant, Aldermen McKillican, Coughlan, Goodacre, Vigelius, Styles, Harris and Harrison.

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

His Worship said it was in accord with the Rules of Order to first take up business in the hands of the Mayor. He had received a letter from the Board of School Trustees stating that it was the wish of that body that His Worship should take his seat as Chairman of the School Trustees in accordance with the provisions of an Act passed at the last session of the Legislature. Before taking any action on the communication, His Worship said it was necessary to place the matter before the Council. The late Board of Aldermen passed a motion requesting the Mayor to refuse to take his seat as Chairman of the Board of School Trustees, and as this was a question which interested every ratepayer of the city it remained for the Council to say what action should be taken in regard to the communication.

Ald. Coughlan moved that the communication be received and laid on the table.

Ald. Vigelius said action should be taken immediately on the communication. The Board of Aldermen decided last year that the tax upon the city was unjust and requested the Mayor to refuse to take a seat as Chairman of the Board of School Trustees. The ratepayers of this city are called upon to pay a tax amounting to $6,000 to support the public schools besides paying a provincial revenue tax which is in reality a school tax. The tax paid into the Provincial Treasury by the citizens of Victoria for the Government of the Province amounted to a large sum, and the additional tax on the city for school purposes was an imposition. Ald. Vigelius moved that His Worship be requested to decline to take a seat at the meetings of the Board of School Trustees. (Applause)

Ald. Wilson was of the same opinion as was held by him last year. A fledgling Trustee said the reason for opposing the tax was on account of politics. He would inform that gentleman that politics had nothing to do with the question. The ratepayers of this city were taxed very heavily and he would like to know where the sum of $6,000 was coming from.

Ald. Coughlan said he opposed the imposition of the tax last year, and was of the same opinion still. The tax was imposed to support the High School which costs less than the amount demanded by the Government. The city could take over the management of the High School and carry it on for a less amount than the sum asked for by the Government. The tax was imposed but the city, under its provisions, will have no voice in the management of school affairs.

Ald. Harris said the question was between the Mayor and the Board of School Trustees. They could not compel His Worship to take a seat as Chairman of the School Board.

His Worship said the Act imposing this additional tax met with considerable opposition in the local House from representations of the different cities and a motion was passed granting the Mayors of Vancouver, Nanaimo and New Westminster a seat at the Board. If the Corporation of the City of Victoria is willing to pay the tax it would be proper for the Mayor to take his seat at the meetings of the School Trustees. If the Council is not willing to pay the sum, which amounts to nearly $6000, it would be out of all reason to take part in the proceedings of the Board. The Mayor should not take the responsibility on his own shoulders and it was for the Board of Aldermen to say what action should be taken. In the *Colonist* it was reported that the Mayor took no interest in the schools; this was not true; the reasons for not taking a seat at the Board last year was because the Board of Aldermen passed a resolution which was carried out by the Mayor. It was urged that the cities should contribute to the support of the schools. The Mayor said he represented a district in the local house which had no schools; the tax would be just if it was universal, but His Worship demurred against it on principle. Trustee Heisterman repudiated the responsibility for the passage of the tax last year and was supported by the whole Board; this year Trustee Heisterman calls the attention of the School Trustees to the fact that the Mayor of the city of Victoria takes no interest in the schools. In reference to this statement and the remarks made by Trustee Heisterman, His Worship said he was elected with a majority of 226 votes, and whether he was a good Mayor or not, he was sure that his action during the past was endorsed by the citizens of Victoria. His opinions did not change like Mr. Heisterman's, and he was still of the opinion that the imposition of this tax on the ratepayers of Victoria was unjust and he did not think it could be imposed, as no machinery had been provided for its collection. Referring to the remarks of Chairman Hayward, His Worship remarked that he was the same old John Grant and he would be guided by the wishes of the Council in all his actions. The Clerk has been notified to pay over the sum of nearly $6,000 to the Provincial Government.

Alderman Coughlan wished to have the matter laid over to consult the legal advisers and find out whether the corporation is compelled to pay the large sum. If no machinery was provided for the collection of the tax it would do no harm to defer taking action for one week. He opposed the tax last year, and would do so again if it could be done in a legal manner.

A resolution requesting His Worship to stay away from the meetings of the Board of School Trustees was carried unanimously, amidst applause.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Fred Whipple, enclosing a blank form, and requesting the Council to inform the writer whether the electric light is in a good condition or in a bad state. Referred to Electric Light Committee.

From S. C. Barris, asking leave to use a portion of Broughton street for building purposes. Request granted.

From S. P. Tuck, applying for the position of Assessor, Collector and City Treasurer. Laid on table.

From W. T. Drake re his license for carrying on business as a retail coal dealer and stating that the amount of his license fee should be $10 per annum. Referred to Finance Committee and City Barrister.

From Mrs. M. E. McTavish stating that the land required for the extension of Vancouver street was valued at $2500 per acre and the writer would expect that amount for all land required. Referred to Street Committee for a report.

From B. Van Volkenburgh asking permission to open a drain on Yates street. Permission granted under the supervision of Street Committee.

From C. W. R. Thompson asking leave to use a portion of Pembroke street for the purpose of building a retaining wall. Request granted.

From W. H. Phillips enclosing samples of color stamping and soliciting a portion of the Corporation work. Referred to Printing Committee.

From J. Moody asking permission to remove a verandah at the corner of Yates and Broad streets. Granted.

From F. Zimmer, asking leave to use a portion of Johnson street for building purposes. Request granted.

From Charles Wilson, on behalf of J. C. Prevost, asking the Council to take over a street called Parrey street, extending from Michigan to Toronto street, James Bay. Referred to Street Committee.

From McKillican & Anderson, asking for the removal of rock on lot 2 on Wharf street. Referred to Street Committee.

From John Haggarty, asking the Council to remove the sidewalk to the proper street lines on Yates street, fronting lot 883. Referred to Street Committee with power to act.

From F. G. Richards, Jr., on behalf of the owners of property at Beckley Farm, James Bay, asking for a street through the property from Simcoe street to Dallas road. Also asking that a street 60 feet wide to be called Rithet street, be opened.

The matter was referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

From the promoters of the Electric Tramway Co., asking (1) that the city guarantee interest at the rate of 5 per cent. on the bonds of the company to the amount of $40,000, for twenty years, on the following basis: (a) When $20,000 of the capital stock is paid up, the city to guarantee interest on the first issue of bonds to the amount of $20,000; (b) when a further sum of $20,000 of the capital stock has been paid up and at least $30,000 has been expended, the city to guarantee interest on a further issue of bonds to the amount of $20,000; (c) the responsibility of the city not to exceed beyond a guarantee of interest on $40,000; (d) the city to have leave to appoint auditors to examine the books of the company as well as directors, in case called upon to pay any portion of the interest; (e) any monies paid by the city to be discharged by the company before any dividend is declared.

His Worship said it would be doubtful whether the corporation has power to guarantee interest on a loan. The municipality may give land or a bonus. It may be wise to refer the matter to a legal adviser; if the Council has not the power, same will be granted in a few days, when a bill will be brought before the House; it will be in the power of the ratepayers to grant the guarantee, and everyone is in favor of assisting the street railway. The promoters are anxious to receive an answer as soon as possible.

Ald. Styles moved that the communication be received and referred to the city barristers.

Ald. Harris said, considering the possibility of the company making large profits, the city should receive some of the income.

The motion was carried and the matter will be referred to the city barristers.

The following letter was read from Mr. Duck:

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

GENTLEMEN,—I have received a communication from the clerk of your honorable Board, informing me that at the last meeting of the Council the following resolution was passed, viz:

"That the inside officers of the corporation be retained in their positions and their appointments confirmed, with the exception of Mr. Duck, who is allowed one week to answer the question whether he intends holding the dual position in the Legislative Assembly and Treasurer of the Corporation at the same time."

As I think there may be some misunderstanding I trust your honorable Board will pardon me if, in my reply, I respectfully suggest that the above resolution involves two separate and distinct questions, each of which might fairly be considered on its own merits.

First.—Do I intend to occupy the position of City Treasurer; and second.—Do I intend to continue a member of the Local House.

In regard to the first, I think your honorable board will agree with me that the answer does not rest entirely in my own hands. I know very well that I cannot continue to act as City Treasurer in opposition to your will, nor have I any desire to do so, and if in your judgment you think I should resign, you have but to say so and I can have no choice in the matter. If I cannot work in harmony with you it is perhaps better that I should resign. I have certainly tried to perform my duty in an acceptable manner, and have not been accused of negligence or incapacity. I may also say that I have not lost a minute's time since I have been in your employ, but, on the contrary have worked night after night frequently until eleven o'clock.

Of course I have been anxious to acquire a knowledge of the work which, as you know, came into my hands in a very confused and unsettled state.

You were also aware at the time of my appointment to the position of City Treasurer, that I was a member of the Local House, and as you did not make my appointment conditional that I should resign, the conclusion I drew was that you were willing to take me as you found me. Sometime after it occurred to me, from certain remarks which came to my knowledge that you might possibly have over-looked the fact of my being a representative of the city and I decided to bring the question again before you. With this end in view I wrote asking "If you were willing that I should continue to act as City Treasurer while occupying a seat in the Legislature." Had you given me an answer to this question I would have been in a position, had your answer been in the negative, to decide whether to resign from the House or as City Treasurer.

But circumstances at present will admit of but one solution, I cannot at this late date, in justice to my constituents or in honor to myself, resign from the House. An election cannot take place while the House is in session and the city would be deprived of a portion of its representation.

Trusting this reply may be satisfactory and enable you to arrive at a reasonable and equitable decision. I have the honor to be (Signed) SIMEON DUCK.

Ald. Vigelius said the communication was very lengthy and it contains very much which was of interest to the Council. The Aldermen voted for Mr. Duck last year and considered that it was necessary to again call for applications for the position of City Treasurer. Ald. Vigelius moved that applications be received until next Wednesday for the position of City Treasurer. (Applause.)

Ald. Wilson in seconding the motion said Mr. Duck should either resign from one position or the other. Ald. Wilson said he voted for Mr. Duck last year and considered at the present time that the services of the City Treasurer should be dispensed with.

Ald. Coughlan said Mr. Duck was attending to his duties as City Treasurer and was not attending to his duties as the representative of the City of Victoria in the Local House. It was time to complain when he neglected his duty.

Ald. Harrison said he was informed that the books of the city are not in a condition to be audited.

His Worship said the Council is to blame for not expressing an opinion last year on the question. Mr. Duck had sent in a letter asking the opinion of the Council.

Ald. Vigelius said he expressed an opinion last year and he was of the same opinion now, and that was that Mr. Duck should attend to either one position or the other.

Ald. Harris said he did not express an opinion last year; but was of the opinion that it was not the duty of the Council to complain. Mr. Duck attends to his duties during office hours and it was for the people he represents in the Local House to charge Mr. Duck with neglecting their interests.

Ald. Styles said he was of the opinion that Mr. Duck should either resign from the position of City Treasurer or from the Local House.

His Worship said he always found Mr. Duck most diligent and that he kept everything in good order. Night and day he was in his office and was very attentive and obliging.

The motion was amended to read that one month's notice be given Mr. Duck and that applications be received until next Wednesday evening for the position of City Treasurer. The motion was carried on the following division: Ayes, Ald. Vigelius, Styles, Wilson, Harris and McKillican; Nays, Ald. Goodacre and Coughlan.

A communication from Mr. Vincent re a drain on Erie street was referred to the Street Committee.

From R. P. Rithet re land for the purpose of opening a new street. Received and referred to the Street Committee.

From R. Wolfenden, Secretary of the Board of School Trustees, enclosing resolutions passed at the meeting of the School Board held on Tuesday evening.

Ald. Vigelius moved that the communication be received and that an answer be sent informing the Board that the city is not in a position to pay money for the support of schools.

His Worship said the question was already dealt with in motion passed during the evening.

The communication was received and filed.

PETITIONS.

From W. McKeon and several others, asking for stone crossing on Yates street. Received and filed.

From residents and owners of Beckley Farm property, asking the Council to take over a street with a width of 35 feet.

The Council decided that under a by-law it was impossible to take over a street under 60 feet in width. The matter was left in the hands of the Street Committee.

From 23 hack drivers, requesting the Council to take no notice of the agitation in favor of raising the hack license. Referred to the Hack Committee.

From Turner, Beeton & Co. and 55 others, asking the Council to retain the services of Mr. Geo. Lyall.

Ald. Harrison said he could not understand how officers knew they would be removed. There was too much talk outside of committee meetings. Laid on the table.

His Worship said the Council should establish a grade throughout the city as soon as possible.

TENDERS.

One tender was read for placing five stone crossings on the different streets. The tender from H. McDonald was read. The tenderer offered to place the stone crossings in the places mentioned at the rate of $3.15 per lineal foot. The contract was awarded to Mr. McDonald.

REPORTS.

From the Superintendent of police, reporting that Officer Abel was unfit for service and recommending that the officer be paid his salary until March 1st and dismissed.

A motion was made that the report be handed to the Police Committee with power to act.

An amendment was made by Ald. Vigelius that the matter be referred to the Police Committee to investigate and report. The amendment was carried. Ald. Vigelius remarked that he considered it proper to give every man a hearing and that the committee should report to the Council.

From the Sanitary Officer reporting that covered drains are required on Yates and Johnson streets and other portions of the city. Referred to the Sanitary Committee.

The Sanitary Committee recommended a number of improvements. Adopted.

The report of the Water Committee was adopted.

The Hack Committee reported that the license fee should be $2.50 per year, and recommending other changes. Adopted.

The Street Committee recommended a number of improvements including the calling for tenders for a bridge across Rock Bay and that the city be divided into two districts, the dividing line to be the north side of Yates street.

The Fire Wardens recommended that the salaries of Messrs Bush, Haigh and Gardner be increased $10 per month. Adopted.

Ald. McKillican said the department was costing a great deal.

Alderman Wilson, Chairman of the Fire Wardens, said the engineers of the steam fire engines were good steady men, and everybody knew that $60 per month was not sufficient for the work performed. The men were in the corporation employ for three years, and had to be on watch twelve hours out of twenty-four.

Alderman Vigelius said the men are very useful. They do work which would cost the city a large sum. Night and day the engineers and drivers are compelled to be around the houses, and it was impossible to get good steady engineers for the salary paid these employees. After three years service they were entitled to a small advance in their salaries.

The Council decided to adjourn at 11:30 o'clock to meet again this evening.

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